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ANTON (PAV) AND AL: THEIR COUNTRYSIDE (MEXICAN) DETENTION DESCRIBED IN LEONID'S 1943 ACHIEVEMENT CASE REPORT; TRANSFER TO YURIJ (1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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In reply to your No. 1357[i].

On 6 October 1943 LEONID's[ii] report on the ACHIEVEMENT [DOSTIZHENIE][iii] case was sent on film personally to VIKTOR[iv]: in it were reported in detail, from ANTON (PAV)'s[v] words, the circumstances in which PAV[v] and AL[vi] were detained on the COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVENSKIJ][vii] side. On 30 August both were transferred by LEONID to the control of YURIJ[viii] who has been working with them up to the present time. LEONID says that he cannot add anything to this communication.

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Footnotes: [i] Not available.

[ii] LEONID: Aleksej Nikolaevich PROKHOROV. Visited MEXICO CITY (from WASHINGTON) from about 24 August to 6 September 1943.

[iii] ACHIEVEMENT: Unidentified coverword; possibly connected with the attempt to release TROTSKY's assassin. Also occurs in NEW YORK's No. 846 of 3 June 1943 (3/NBF/T1087); and in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No. 154 of 12 March 1944 and MEXICO CITY's No. 474 of 6 June 1944 (3/NBF/T556, 686); and in MOSCOW to BOGOTA No. 55 of 10 May 1944 and BOGOTA's Nos. 79 (internal serials 2, 3) of 10, 11 May 1944 (3/NBF/T894, 895, 896).

[iv] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

[v] ANTON (PAV): Possible candidates for "ANTON (PAV)" and "AL" (Footnote [vi]) are Juan GARCIA REYES and Erich LAPINS, who are reported to have entered MEXICO illegally during 1943.

"ANTON (PAV)", clearly not identical with the NEW YORK covername "ANTON" (ie Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV), possibly equates with the unidentified MEXICO CITY covername "ANTON". If so, "PAV" may be his NEW YORK covername.

"AL" possibly equates with the unidentified covername "ALEKSANDR" in the NEW YORK and MONTEVIDEO lanes and in NEW YORK - S AMERICA secret writing messages.

Alternatively, "PAV" and "AL" may be the first syllables of real names (cf BOGOTA, 3/NBF/T895).

[vi] AL: See under Footnote [v].

[vii] COUNTRYSIDE: MEXICO, Mexican.

[viii] YURIJ: Lev A TARASOV, MGB Resident in MEXICO CITY.

[ix] MAJ: ie "MAY"; Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

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